

Minutes August 28, 2008 Facilitation of Community Choices Committee

The Committee met in the Town Room, Town Hall. The meeting was called to order at 9:12.

Members Present: Stan Gawle, Joan Golowich, Gerald Jolly, Irvin Rhodes, Bob Saul, and Alison Donta-Venman : Isaac Ben-Ezra joined the meeting via conference phone .

Members Absent : Martha Hanner ,Katherine Vorwerk- Feldman and Richard Spurgin

Others Present : Stephanie O'Keeffe, Helen Vivian, Andy Churchill, John Musante and Andy Steinberg.

Introduction: Bob Saul and Andy Steinberg gave a brief introduction regarding the purpose and rationale for the formation of the committee for the benefit of the ACTV viewers. Members present were also introduced.

Minutes of August 21,2008: Bob Saul indicated that under the scenario portion of the minutes, moderately augmented should be stricken and replaced with enhanced services. On a motion by Bob Saul and a second by Alison Donta-Venman , the minutes of the August 21,2008 meeting were approved as amended.

Future Agenda items: Further fiscal discussions with John Musante; a discussion of Town-Gown finances and a meeting with our state delegation .

Slide Presentation: Bob Saul noted that the data and presentation committee had vetted the slide presentation during the past two weeks. The next step is to identify information areas the committee may have missed. Some type of narration will accompany the presentation as well as a questionnaire. Draft questionnaires were briefly reviewed and referred to the outreach committee as several questions were raised.

Alison Donta-Venman explained the rationale and financial information as the slide presentation proceeded.

Several issues arose as a result of the slide presentation:

Andy Churchill questioned why only three scenarios had been chosen rather than the five originally proposed. Bob Saul responded that given the financial situation, three scenarios were more practical to explain. After considerable discussion, it was agreed to again re-name the enhanced scenario to priority restoration and addition scenario.

The additional cost of the various scenarios should be included in the slide presentation.

Feedback should be gathered from staff on the scenarios.

Bob Saul expressed appreciation to Alison for her work on the slide presentation

To Do List: Outreach committee will need input on the questionnaire and getting feedback from Town employees.

Schools and John Musante will furnish Alison additional information.

Review FAQ list of questions

Meeting adjourned at 11:10AM.